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April 16, 2003

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, Hosston B Zone and
Hosston C Zone, BRYCELAND FIELD, Bienville
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, the Hosston B Zone and the Hosston C Zone, all in Bryceland Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A
Hosston B Zone and Hosston C Zone

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Brown 24 No. 1 Well as the substitute unit well for HOSS A RA SUJ, HOSS B SUD and for HOSS C SUL, at the location shown on attached plats.
2. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Tilley 26 No. 1 and 2 Wells as alternate unit wells for HOSS A SUK, HOSS B SUB and for HOSS C SUM, at the locations shown on attached plats, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 145-B, effective December 9, 1971.
3. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its KMI 23 No. 2 Well as an alternate unit well for HOSS A RA SUL and for HOSS B SUA, at the location shown on attached plats, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 145-B, effective December 9, 1971.

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6. To approve the downhole combination of production from the Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A; the Hosston B Zone and the Hosston C Zone, or any combination thereof, in the wellbores of the proposed wells, and in the wellbores of any existing or subsequently drilled well located on the units on which these wells are proposed to be drilled.
7. To designate Applicant as operator of HOSS A SUJ.
8. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

Hosston C Zone

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hosston C Zone, such unit being shown on an attached plat and being designated HOSS C SUN.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Applicant as Operator of the proposed additional unit.
4. To designate the El Paso Production Company--KMI 23 No. 2 Well, at the location shown on an attached plat, as the unit well for the proposed additional unit, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 145-B, effective December 9, 1971.
5. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 145-B, effective December 9, 1971, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 145-B series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit.
6. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, in Bryceland Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 145-B, effective December 9, 1971, and was further

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Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

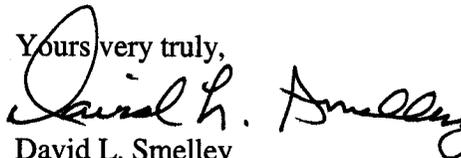
By letter dated April 4, 2003, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set April 24, 2003, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the pre-application conference was received; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the three (3) unit plats (which are identical to the unit plats attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bryceland Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

Attorney for El Paso Production Company

HOSS A SU G
SU F 20 15
WEST 10504
BRYCELAND)

17N-6W
HOSS A SU B
14
9710
PETERSONS
VILLAMETTE

HOSS A SU A
13
7980
CHOR WILTON
VENNON BRICE

17N-6W
HOSS A SU A
18
7980

HOSS A SU C
WEST
BRYCELAND)

HOSS A RA SU L
14

HOSS A RA SU J
13

HOSS A RA
MURPHY C H J M
PIPES 6
19

HOSS A SU C
WEST
BRYCELAND)

23
SOONAT
(EMBARCADO)
CONTINENTAL C
9350
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EL PASO
(SOONAT)
(HARVEY BROOKES)
KRI 23
9042

SOONAT
EMERSON H
9782

HOSS A RA SU J
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ROBERS J I
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EL PASO
(SOONAT)
(SMITH)
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A-1
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EL PASO
(SOONAT)
(SMITH)
PIPES
19-2
9627
MURPHY C H
PIPES 6

BROTHERS HULLO
TAYLOR T H
9021

EL PASO
KRI 23
ALT
600' FSL
1800' FEL

VENNON FALCONER
(EMBARCADO)
CONTINENTAL C
9500
1

O'BRIEN
(BLACKHOLE)
FRITCH
1
11400

HOSS A SU K
FALCONER
(WILTON CROW)
WITLEY T J
26
8216

HOSS A SU I
25
MURPHY
HART
8502

(BEAR CREEK)
CHOR
JORDAN
30

HOSS A
SU H
27

EL PASO
(SOONAT)
MOSLEY
1
10540

SOONAT
WITLEY
9417
B-1

EL PASO
(SOONAT)
WITLEY
10480
B-2

O'BRIEN
(SOONAT)
COMBINGS
10400
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O'BRIEN
(BLACKHOLE)
VILLAMETTE CROW
1-ALT
5902 7827

EL PASO
(SOONAT)
PIPES
A-1
9700

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(BEAR CREEK)

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EL PASO
(SOONAT)
MILLER ETAL
A-1
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10390

EL PASO
(SOONAT)
LOE 7A
A-1
10300

EL PASO
(SOONAT)
LOE
10540
B-1
SOUTHERN NAT
BAILEY JL
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EL PASO
(SOONAT)
BAILEY
A-1
9900

EL PASO
(SOONAT)
LOE
10275
C-1
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HOSSSTON A UNITS, AS PER 145-B
SERIES OF ORDERS

UNIT WELL

ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
WELLS SHALLOWER THAN 6500'

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PROPOSED SUB
HOSS A

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HOSS B SU F WEST
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17N-6W
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 HOSS B

HOSS B SU G WEST
 BRYCELAND)
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HOSS B SU A
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 1-ALT
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EL PASO (SONMAY) DOLEY
 A-1 ALT
 9600

EL PASO (SONMAY) PIPES
 19-2-ALT
 9627

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 0216

HOSS B SU C
 25
 MERRY HAWK
 6502

HOSS B RA
 (BEAR CREEK)
 30
 CROW JOHNSON
 6400

EL PASO (SONMAY) WITLEY
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 10540

SONMAY WITLEY
 B-1
 5417

EL PASO (SONMAY) WITLEY
 B-2
 10490

O'BRIEN (SONMAY) CUMMINGS
 1
 10400

O'BRIEN (BLACKBIRD) WILLAMETTE CROW
 1-ALT
 5502 7827

EL PASO (SONMAY) PIPES
 A-1 ALT
 8700

HOSS B RA SU P (BEAR CREEK)
 34

HOSS B RA SU A (BEAR CREEK)
 35
 EL PASO (SONMAY) LEE
 10340

HOSS B RA SU X (BEAR CREEK)
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EL PASO (SONMAY) LEE TA
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SOUTHERN NAT BAILLEY AL
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EL PASO (SONMAY) BAILLEY
 B-1 ALT
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EL PASO (SONMAY) LEE
 C-1
 10270

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- PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL
- ◇ PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- △ WELLS SHALLOWER THAN 6500' REMOVED FROM BASE

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LOUIS C

HOSS B SU B
 WEST LAINEWAS, LTD.
 BRYCELAND

17N-6W
 HOSS C SU B
 FIRST NAT'L BANK OF ARIZONA

HOSS C SU A
 CROW KILLTON
 VERNON WHITE
 CONTINENTAL CAN CO.

17N-6W
 HOSS C SU C

HOSS B SU G
 WEST
 BRYCELAND
 CONTINENTAL CAN CO.

HOSS C SU N
 KMI 23 NO. 2
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HOSS C SU L
 H.H. EMERSON, d/d
 SEMAT
 EMERSON H
 WILL VERNON

HOSS C SU R
 MARYN C H JR
 PIPES 6
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 BROOKS HOLLOW
 TAYLOR T H
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 ROOM 24
 JR. GOFF, d/d
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 EL. PASO
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 (SMITH)
 PIPES
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THAYLOR
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 W. WATERS
 ESTRIPE
 JOHN C.
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 MARYN
 HUNT
 8502

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 VERNON FALL CORNER
 (AMERICAN)
 CONTINENTAL, C
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 HOSS C RA
 (BEAR CREEK)
 CROW
 JORDAN

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 FAUL CORNER
 (MELTON CROW)
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 CHARLES E. CUMMINGS, d/d

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